

The White House: The Global Messenger

Monday, May 19, 2003

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

All Times EDT/Subject to Change

9 a.m. -- President Bush welcomes President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo of the Philippines to the White House for state visit

1:15 p.m. -- White House Briefing

TBD -- State Department Briefing

KEY POINTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WEEKLLY RADIO ADDRESS, 5/17/03

- With the liberation of Iraq and Afghanistan, we have removed allies of al-Qaeda, cut off sources of terrorist funding, and made certain that no terrorist network will gain weapons of mass destruction from Saddam Hussein's regime. These two battles were important victories in the larger war on terror.
- The terrorist attacks in Saudi Arabia, which killed innocent civilians from more than half a dozen countries - including our own - provide a stark reminder that the war on terror continues. The enemies of freedom are not idle, and neither are we.
- From Pakistan to the Philippines to the Horn of Africa, we are hunting down al-Qaeda killers. Nearly one-half of al-Qaeda's senior operatives have been captured or killed. And we will remain on the hunt until they are all brought to justice.
- This Nation accepts the responsibilities of keeping the peace. And the best way to keep the peace is to make sure that our military remains second to none.
- The world has seen the tremendous capabilities of the United States military. With fine allies at their side, American soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines used advanced technology to gain historic victories in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- For all the contributions of technology, however, the Battles of Iraq and Afghanistan were won by the skill and courage of well trained, highly motivated men and women.

KEY QUOTE

"With the discovery this week of mass graves in Iraq we have seen still more evidence of the brutality of that regime. The discovery was still another chilling reminder of why so many nations came together to remove Saddam Hussein from power." -- **Secretary Rumsfeld, to reporters, 5/15/03**

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IN THE PRESIDENT'S WORDS: FIGHTING AIDS

"The US Senate last week passed President Bush's five-year, \$15 billion dollar initiative to help the most afflicted countries in Africa and the Caribbean wage and win the fight against HIV/AIDS. The President announced the plan in his State of the Union address, pressed for it this spring, and hailed its passage on Friday. "We will continue to confront, HIV/AIDS in our own country. And to meet a severe and urgent crisis abroad, tonight I propose the Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief - a work of mercy beyond all current international efforts to help the people of Africa." -- **State of the Union remarks, 1/29/03**

"Today, on the continent of Africa alone nearly 30 million people are living with HIV/AIDS, including 3 million people under the age of 15 years old....We can turn our eyes away in resignation and despair, or we can take decisive, historic action to turn the tide against this disease and give the hope of life to millions who need our help now. The United States of America chooses the path of action and the path of hope." -- **Remarks on Global HIV/AIDS Initiative, 4/29/03**

"I'm...so pleased that the Senate passed a bill to help ease the suffering on the African continent, as well as in some Caribbean nations. We've got a HIV/AIDS initiative that will help say to the world that the United States is a compassionate country, we care deeply about the suffering that takes place in the world." -- **Remarks to reporters, 5/16/03**

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